GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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INFERIOR CONSUMER GOODS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that markets of the country are flooded with inferior goods particularly with electrical goods are dangerous for consumers;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government and the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) to stop the sale of inferior goods in the country;

(c) whether any raids were conducted by the BIS and seized inferior goods whichwere put on sale in the country particularly electrical goods during the last two years;

(d) if so, the State-wise and Union Territory-wise details thereof; and

(e) the details of action taken against the guilty persons?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a)& (b): Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) is monitoring the quality ofproducts of the manufacturers who have obtained license under the Product Certification Scheme being operated by the Bureau.Presently about 111 electrical items have been brought under the Product Certification Scheme. To stop the saleof inferior goods in the country, the Government has brought seven items, namely, electric immersion water heaters, electric iron, electric stoves, electric radiators, switches for domestic and similar purposes, 2 Ampere switches for domestic and similar purposes and 3 pin plugs and socket outlets under Mandatory Certification.

BIS is monitoring the performance of licensees through surprise visits tofactories and drawal of market samples. In case the items are found sub-standard necessary punitive action including stoppage of marking, non-renewal of licence and even cancellation of licence is taken. In case of fake ISI marked products, detailedinvestigations are carried out by BIS and if the evidence thus collected is found adequate, prosecution is launched in the court against the offending party under the BIS Act, 1986.

(c), (d) & (e): During last two years 46 search and seizure operations were carried out by BIS in the country . Six of them related to electrical goods as per following details:

Year	Search & Seizure Carried Out	Parties Convicted
1999-2000	Maharashtra 01	Cases subjudice
	Uttar Pradesh 02	- do -
2000-2001	Delhi 01	- do -
April 2001 to July 2001	Delhi 02	- do -